Non-Stop Train Between Delhi and Ambala

2926. SHRI RAM PRAKASH CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a heavy rush of passengers on Delhi-Ambala section;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to introduce a non-stop train on this section during 1991-92;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Due to operational and resource constraints.

Goods Train Running Without Driver and Helper

2927. SHRI RAM PRAKASH CHAUDHARY:
SHRI SAJJAN KUMAR:
SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL:
SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a goods train on the Moradabad line kept on moving upto 125 kms. distance without its driver or his helper on July 19, 1991;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to prevent the recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir. The train travelled for 94 kilometres.

(b) The train stopped between Kanth and Matlabpur stations due to sudden drop of vacuum and when the Driver and his Assistant had got down to attend to the train, the train started rolling down.

(c) A special drive has been launched to educate Drivers on safe handling to locos and adherence to safety rules.

Production and consumption of Petroleum Products

2928. SHRI RAM PRAKASH CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of petroleum products being imported annually and the loss of foreign exchange as a result thereof;

(b) the product-wise consumption and production of petroleum products in the country at present; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to increase their production in future?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) About 8.66 MMT petroleum products valued at Rs. 4660 crores (provisional) were imported in 1990-91.

(b) A statement is enclosed.

(c) Efforts are being made to increase the refining capacity and the indigenous production of crude oil.